

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 821

By Alexander

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Leslie Rollins on her selection as the Franklin County Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Rollins is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rollins was recently selected as the Teacher of the Year for Franklin County, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, an assiduous scholar and highly trained professional, Leslie Rollins earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and her master's degree in Administration and Supervision from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rollins is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works diligently to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rollins has served with acumen and alacrity as a first grade teacher at Decherd Elementary School (DES) for five exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, a highly influential figure in her field, Leslie Rollins is a member of the National Education Association and the Tennessee Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Rollins has graciously lent her time, talents, knowledge, and experience to counsel several new teachers, sharing with them her innovative teaching strategies and classroom management techniques; and

WHEREAS, she dearly loves children and has taken an active role in shaping the direction of their education through her invaluable service on DES's Leadership Committee, Positive Behavioral Support Committee, and Textbook Committee; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Ms. Rollins has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens through volunteer work with the Cowan Railroad Museum 5K Run, Cowan Railroad Museum Beauty Pageant, Multi-County Cancer Walk-a-Thon, Cowan Railroad Museum Womanless Beauty Pageant, Ragnar Relay, and Franklin County United Way; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Leslie Rollins was also named "New Teacher of the Year" by Franklin County in 2007 and was selected to represent the Franklin County School System at the State Positive Behavioral Support Conference at Middle Tennessee State University in the Spring of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rollins truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Rollins truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Leslie Rollins on being chosen the Franklin County Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.